

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 851

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Le Andrea Ware upon being named the 2019-2020 Tennessee Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education and learning environments for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Le Andrea Ware is one such estimable individual, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the principal of The Howard School, Dr. Ware was recently named the 2019-2020 Tennessee Principal of the Year, a most befitting honor for her tenure as a principal, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a Chattanooga native, Dr. Le Andrea Ware is a distinguished graduate of The Howard School; she received her bachelor's degree in multidisciplinary education and her master's degree in school leadership from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) and a master's degree in strategic leadership and an Educational Specialist degree in Instructional Leadership from Tennessee Technological University. She then completed her Doctorate of Education in Leadership at Trevecca Nazarene University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ware is also the 2019-2020 Hamilton County Schools' Principal of the Year and is the recipient of the *Times Free Press* Excellence in Administration Award, the Hamilton County Education Association's Distinguished Principal of the Year Award, and the 2019 Ruby Hurley Educator of the Year award; she has also been recognized as the Most Outstanding Graduate Student in School Leadership at UTC; and

WHEREAS, in her twenty-five years as a leader in Hamilton County Schools, Dr. Le Andrea Ware has presented trainings for the school district, the Tennessee LEAD Conference,

and the National Youth At-Risk Conference on topics around school improvement, leading change, teacher recruitment, establishing a purposeful community, and building connections for life through relationships that supersede circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ware is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who has worked assiduously throughout her career in education to motivate her students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; she has a passion for Helping Others Pursue Excellence (H.O.P.E.) and works diligently to foster an environment of success for all students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ware truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff at The Howard School, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Le Andrea Ware is grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband and three children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Le Andrea Ware epitomizes the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dr. Le Andrea Ware upon being named the 2019-2020 Tennessee Principal of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the students and schools of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.